



TWIN CITY GLADIATORS MAINE GLADIATORS TIER 1/2/3 FAQ



What is Tier 1 hockey?

Tier 1 hockey is the highest level of hockey in Maine. It is a higher level of commitment, more expensive, more ice time, and more travel.

Do I have to play Tier 1 if I make the Tier 1 team?

No. Tier 1 requires more commitment than Tier 2 & Tier 3. If you make the team, you do not have to accept the spot. You may turn it down and return for Tier 2 tryouts. You are NOT automatically rostered on the Tier 2 team.

Do I have to tryout for Tier 1 if I only want to play Tier 2/3?

No. There is no expectation for everyone to tryout for Tier 1. It is a big commitment and there could be players and families that know in advance that it is not a good fit for their hockey experience.



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What is the difference between Tier 2 and Tier 3 hockey?

The only difference between Tier 2 and Tier 3 hockey is the level of competition. The commitment is the same, the cost is the same. The one exception is that a T2 14U or 16U team could get a bid to Nationals, which would require significant travel for that week. Tier 3 is not eligible to participate at Nationals.

Do I have to play Tier 2 if I make the Tier 2 team?

Yes. You may not turn down a Tier 2 spot to play Tier 3. This is to ensure that the competition is equitable among Tier 2/3 teams throughout the state. Because the commitment and cost are the same, you will be expected to play at the higher level if you make that team.

What happens if I don't make the Tier 1 or Tier 2 team?

After the Tier 1 team and Tier 2 team rosters are set, a final tryout for Tier 3 spots will be held. It is possible that there are not enough spots on any of the travel teams and players could be cut from the program. An 18U Tier 4 program is available for players not wanting to play Tier 2/3 or for players who do not make the T2 or T3 rosters.